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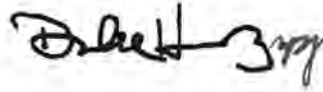
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June 7, 1965

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Letter No. 599

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF "NON-VIOLENCE"

How Maintain Peace and Order in U.S.A.?

We are passing through a period of great and increasing emphasis of the techniques of non-violence as the chief pattern for mass demonstrations and street protests. These techniques are directly tied to another problem. That of crash legislation passed at "gun point" by legislators willing to submit to such organized mass pressures.

The 1965 Civil Rights Bill is the clearest example of such crash legislation and the organized demonstrations designed to force it through a reluctant and not resisting Congress. This is not the only campaign destroying our domestic peace and tranquility and paralyzing our orderly political processes.

The "civil rights" demonstrations were only one example of a pattern operating in many apparently unrelated forms. As Senator Strom Thurmond (R.-S.C.) said recently in New York—"The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is not, of course, just one isolated incident or divergence from constitutional government. And neither can the so-called civil rights movement be separated from the total insurrection with which we are faced; which includes the campaigns and activities of the professed pacifists protesting our Viet Nam policies and those loosely referred to as 'students' who are engaged in the so-called 'campus revolt.'"

What Is the Remedy?

What can the American people do? What stand can their responsible political leaders take? Do peaceful, law-abiding societies have it within their power to stop political pressure through mass organization in the streets and resulting legislative cowardice in standing up to such pressure?

This question may be far more important than it appears to be in the news reports of today. We say with certainty that street demonstrations are going to increase, mass picketing and interference

with the public peace are going to become more powerful and demands for legislation more extreme. The people who are organizing these demonstrations have no slightest intention of stopping when the 1965 Civil Rights Bill is passed. That will only whet their appetite for more political gains through mob action and the publicity which gives the leaders an appearance of authority they could never otherwise attain.

When it is necessary to deal with a very serious and unpleasant problem the natural human inclination is to wait. But we know from experience that delay is dangerous and the evil only grows while wishful thinking keeps us from finding the right answer.

The right remedy for an evil, the right counter-attack against a threat, can only be found however, if there is a fundamental understanding of the problem, and the deepest wisdom in choosing which are the essential issues and which are transient and merely to be disregarded.

We said in a recent letter that the non-violence campaign in civil rights was a fundamental communist strategy which they had cleverly adapted to win over the American Negroes who had resisted their blandishments through the years.

Let us take a closer look at the model of non-violence in politics—Gandhi's campaign against the British in India.

Gandhi's program was truly non-violent. He wanted to break up the British rule in India, but he also wanted to avoid the horrors of Civil War. His brilliant original solution was based in part on a study of Christ's teachings, especially the Gospel according to St. Mark.

Gandhi told his followers to oppose British rule and the acts of the British government, but to take without flinching whatever violence the authorities

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used against them. This meant that his followers must learn to deny the strongest human impulses. Non-violence is not a simple emotion but a carefully worked out discipline, as rigid as that of any army.

Gandhi believed that British officials, because they too were Christians, would not be able to continue striking and beating people who did not defend themselves. He was right. The British withdrew.

Gandhi was engaged in revolutionary activity, because he intended to overthrow the existing Government of India. His plan was not subversive, because it was not hidden or conspiratorial. He wanted to make the British rule unworkable, but not to engender violence or hate in the process.

Martin Luther King's Adaptation

How does King's strategy resemble and how does it differ from Gandhi's?

In an article in the *Saturday Review* for April 3, 1965, King states the basic steps in his technique:

"1. Non-violent demonstrators go into the streets to exercise their constitutional rights.

"2. Racists resist by unleashing violence against them.

"3. Americans of conscience in the name of decency demand Federal intervention and legislation.

"4. The administration, under mass pressure, initiates measures of immediate intervention and remedial legislation."

Look at Item 2. "Racists" says King "resist by unleashing violence." Does he mean the officials of Alabama are all "racists?" Or the police are racist? Or the people not in government positions force the leaders and the police to do what they know is wrong? That is, they are a mob.

Obviously, King is sure the "racists" will control what is done by officials in Alabama. Is that true? Is it fair?

He does not make clear whether all police action (which depends on the use of force) is violent or whether the Alabama police inflict personally all of the violence on the marchers.

More important even than these points is the clear statement King uses non-violence to *provoke* violence. That, he says is essential to his program.

The ensuing violence (or appearance of vio-

lence) is the means to his next step (which is not listed), that is, nationwide television and press coverage to stimulate mass demands from listeners for "Federal Intervention: and legislation," which are to follow.

New Federal intervention in either elections or to preserve peace in the streets is unconstitutional. These are the two oldest, most deeply rooted principles of local government in our system of government under law. If King wants "Federal intervention," he wants to breach the Constitution.

His fourth point is equally enlightening. The Administration is to undertake both immediate intervention and remedial legislation under "mass pressure."

If King's purpose is to provide violence to shake America's local government so it can not function, and to get crash legislation, what becomes of the Christian concept of true non-violence for strictly moral ends?

Gandhi's non-violence rested in the last analysis on the assumption that British rule in India was basically immoral, that it could not be justified in conscience. Dr. King's application of this original and highly successful revolt rests on the assumption not that Negroes have grievances, which is a moral issue, but on the assumption that Federal intervention is an automatic good and that crash legislation is good. This is not a moral, but a political position. In our system legislators are supposed to deliberate, to think and to study, and they are supposed to resist to the uttermost any form of mass pressure.

King's techniques are very much like those of Gandhi. But his goals can not be equated with the goals of Gandhi. He is political, while Gandhi's whole position was grounded on his moral basis.

We have said that we do not imply King is a communist, because we do not know and it does not matter. But we believe it is most important for Americans to ask whether the ends for which he is working are helpful to the communist Grand Strategy for taking America over. Disorder in the streets, the deliberate provocation of violence and demands for crash legislation are goals which we believe are helpful to the long-term program which the communists have set up for disorganizing orderly political life in the United States and making disorder attractive.

When Gandhi was victorious the result was that the British left India. If King's revolution is victorious and crash legislation and street violence

are in the ascendant, what will we have? Will our Government be rendered impotent? Will another Government take over?

Non-Violence and War Resistance

In the address he delivered in receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, King said "I venture to suggest to all of you who hear and may eventually read these words, that the philosophy and strategy of non-violence become immediately a subject for study and for serious experimentation in every field of human conflict, by no means excluding the relations between nations."

Non-violence is a form of civil war, of insurrection. King says correctly that it can be applied in many fields. He climaxes its uses, very properly, with a suggestion that it can be applied to "the relations between nations." That includes the non-violent response of one nation to another and the non-violent resistance within a nation to war service against an enemy nation.

Could the young men and women being trained in the techniques of non-violence in one area after another in our country, be linked up one day in a great body of war-resistors, trained to use the techniques of non-violence to resist service in war?

If we ever had to go to war against communism, that might be a tremendous advantage to the communist side. Is it likely the communists do not see this possibility?

It is almost impossible for people familiar with our habits and outlook to realize what far-reaching and disorganized techniques mass organization for non-violence can be.

According to a report in "War 1 Peace Report" for April, 1965, Adam Roberts, editor of the British weekly, "Peace News," is at work on a book on this subject. In its use in war resistance, non-violence has the confusing name of "civilian defense" or defense by civilians against the government.

Civil disobedience is a great American tradition and we have no criticism of it, if its objectives are clearly stated. Non-resistance to evil is a great Christian teaching, but there is no excuse for anyone to use such powerful instruments without knowing to exactly what ends they are geared.

Weakness of the National State

Our concern stems from the fact that the national state is in danger of wearing out at the seams. The

outgrowth, some four hundreds of years ago, of the breakup of medieval European unity, the national state is a very powerful political instrument. But for four hundred years, more and more burdens have been imposed upon it, until, in our time, the Socialist State dominates almost all functions, not even excluding religion.

The communists study hard. They are thoroughly familiar with the history and functioning of what they call the "bourgeois democratic state." They know all its weaknesses. They believe it is an imposing edifice which has lasted beyond its time. The edifice stands but the mortar is dried out. They know every crack. Their technique is to insert a crowbar and shake the structure, then withdraw. Soon they insert another crowbar in another crack. They believe that sooner or later where they insert the crowbar in an innocent looking crack the edifice will tumble.

Non-violent resistance could be a very effective crowbar. We agree with King—Americans should study it carefully.

Of course we believe that a great many kind and generous people are taking part, at great personal sacrifice, in the demonstrations of non-violence. But a situation as potentially dangerous to national stability as this cannot be judged by looking at the rank and file, nor even at the leaders we see. Our concern is not with the motives of the resistors, but with the result of their actions on the political system by which we live.

Order Under Law

We can not give you a capsule program for meeting the dangers we face in the use of non-violence for ends that help the communists. They have been working on their moves for years and it will take us years to be sure of our defenses.

One of the most important issues is that of the police. The communists have been working for years to destroy the work of our kind of police. The communist countries have police forces. So did the Nazis. So did Louis XIV. What is the clue? The police always must be ready to use force. That is their function. The difference is that the police in despotic countries are under the executive. In free countries they are under the law.

It is the task of the police in free countries to protect the people against violence, by criminals or by mobs. People in free countries surrender their right to use force, because they trust the common use of force for the common good. The role of the

police in a despotism like that of the communists is to harass the enemies of the rulers in power. They are a political police, engaged in harrying people who have committed no crime. Can you imagine what the communists would like to do if they could centralize the local American police force?

We owe a great debt of gratitude to J. Edgar Hoover, because he has thrown the great weight of his influence against establishing a Federal police, the first step to a political police. The Bureau is the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he has insisted on keeping it that way.

If Mr. Hoover resigns or is forced out, a crash effort will be made to replace him with someone already committed to Federalization of our local police forces. The communists have probably already picked the man they would prefer. We must be equally far-sighted.

Talk and Work

To prevent increases in government spending.

To arouse opposition to unilateral disarmament.

To unbuild the Federal bureaucracy.

To subtract the privileged position from irresponsible labor.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 30th, with enclosures, has been received.

While I would certainly like to be of assistance to you, I must advise information contained in our files is maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I cannot comment as you desire.

As you may know, UNICEF is affiliated with the United Nations, and inquiries concerning it may be directed to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. 20536. I am referring a copy of your communication and its enclosures to him for any assistance he may be able to render.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

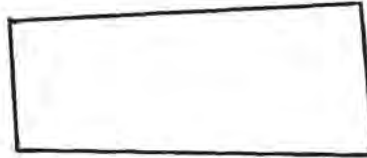
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Anti-UNICEF Leaflets Left On City Doorsteps

A group of persons, reportedly from Granville, is distributing literature on doorsteps against the UNICEF campaign Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Bride, 300 Central Ave., who received some of the literature last night said, "They do it late at night. You don't get to see them — it's exasperating."

The literature, sponsored by the National Economics Council Inc., New York, contains no local names and advocates giving "Halloween back to the children and telling UNICEF to keep its fingers out of their trick or treat bags."

It states "do not be deceived by UNICEF, the organization with the high-sounding name of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. This fund was begun years ago by a church group to feed war orphans. No war orphans are now receiving this help."

"UNICEF, with Communists serving on its board of directors, is merely a collection organization. It operates no projects of its own," the flyer states.

The flyer calls UNICEF "no treat — just trick." It says that America is at war with Communism — a ware of trickery. It charges that UNICEF gave Red China \$1,536,109.46 in 1961 to spend as it wished. The literature also charged that UNICEF has become a nearly \$40 million business since 1961 and that many Communist governments benefit through UNICEF.

In defense of the UNICEF campaign, the Rev. Charles F. Kriner, County chairman, said

UNICEF funds are for food and medicine for those in need.

"Tomorrow," he said, "will offer people of Licking County the opportunity to say we care to the millions of undernourished and medically deprived children of the world. Between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. the youth of our county will be trick or treating for UNICEF."

According to Mr. Kriner, UNICEF, since its inception in 1946, has vaccinated over 100 million children for tuber-

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culosis, treated more than 40 million persons for yaws (a crippling disease), treated over two million for leprosy, treated about 14 million children for trachoma and related eye diseases, shipped over three million vitamin capsules, more than one billion pounds of dried milk and over 125,000 midwives' kits.

He says all of this has been carried out with low administrative costs (5.21 per cent in 1964). During its years of operation, UNICEF has had operational expenditure costs of only 1.40 per cent of the total expenditures. Over the years of operation 85.39 per cent of UNICEF's

expenditures went directly for material program aid.

Mr. Kriner notes that UNICEF spends most of the money received in the country giving it for the purchase and shipment of supplies and equipment for programs it is aiding in other countries.

The Licking County chairman said that "over the years more than 85 per cent of the U.S. contribution to UNICEF has been spent in the United States."

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TRICK OR TREAT ?

NO TREAT -- JUST A TRICK

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, warns that AMERICA IS AT WAR WITH COMMUNISM. Not a shooting war yet, but a deadly ideological -- a war of TRICKERY.

Wouldn't you say that if our enemies could get us to send them MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, that would be quite a trick?

Well, exactly that is taking place through the UNICEF HALLOWE'EN TRICK OR TREAT PROGRAM -- and again at Christmas, through the sale of UNICEF Christmas cards.

Right now, let's examine the HALLOWE'EN TRICK OR TREAT PROGRAM and see whether it's a treat -- or a trick.

HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN BOYS AND GIRLS TAKE PART IN THIS PROGRAM BELIEVING IT IS A GOOD THING. Many churches and civic groups have helped believing the same thing. BUT WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

Let's take RED CHINA, for instance. Everyone knows it is a communist country -- an enemy country, which isn't even admitted to the United Nations. Yet, in 1961, UNICEF ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$1,536,109.46 TO COMMUNIST RED CHINA -- and UNICEF gave that money to the communist government to SPEND AS IT WISHED !

How do you think that money was spent -- to help the unfortunate children in Red China? Don't you ever believe it! THAT MONEY WAS USED BY THE COMMUNIST SLAVERMASTERS OF RED CHINA TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POWER OVER THE STARVING MILLIONS, including little boys and girls.

UNICEF has become big business, nearly a \$40 million business by last year, 1961. Many communist governments benefit through UNICEF. Note that we said the communist governments benefit, not the unfortunate little children in those slave nations.

In its official publications -- "UNICEF Compendium, Vol.VII," it is stated: "UNICEF operated NO PROJECTS OF ITS OWN within countries. The responsibility for the administration of the projects remains with the GOVERNMENTS." What is UNICEF doing then -- and what are our boys and girls who trick or treat for UNICEF doing? ARE'NT THEY, IN EFFECT, RAISING MONEY TO BE PROVIDED TO COMMUNIST ENEMY GOVERNMENTS?

Many people have been led to believe that UNICEF deals directly with people -- but such is not so. Many are unaware how COMMUNISM -- which is at war with America -- benefits through UNICEF.

We are sure that no loyal American parent wants his or her child to help raise money to assist the ENEMIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

We are sure that no loyal American boy or girl wants to help the enemies of his country -- that is help our enemies destroy our own country.

Also, we are sure that if a sufficient number of the people in general UNDERSTOOD what UNICEF money is being used for, they would no longer contribute.

NO LONGER WOULD THEY BUY UNICEF "CHRISTMAS CARDS," which have little to do with Christmas in its true meaning.

NOR WILL THEY BE WILLING TO BE TRICKED INTO TREATING THE ENEMIES OF AMERICA AT HALLOWE'EN.

ISN'T IT TIME WE WISED UP TO THE TRICK IN THIS UNICEF HALLOWE'EN PROGRAM? INSTEAD OF RAISING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR COMMUNISM, WHICH IS DETERMINED TO ENSLAVE AMERICA, LET'S RAISE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO HELP KEEP AMERICA FREE!

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 4, 1966, with enclosure, has been received.

As you may know, UNICEF is affiliated with the United Nations, and inquiries may be directed to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. For this reason, I am referring a copy of your letter to him for any information he might be able to furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed find a copy of the pamphlet distributed in the Lancaster area. I would like to know if the pamphlet tells the truth or not.

If yes, why is an organization like that allowed to take money from the public under false information and why is it allowed to even be in existence if it is a communist front.

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If false, who is behind the pamphlet and why are they allowed to print false information about an organization that would do some good.

I am in Cub Scouting and come across UNICEF once in a while and since your name is used I would like to know who is telling the truth.

Yours very truly,

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The attached copy of "Economic Council Letter" was sent to the Director by the National Economic Council, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010. It is noted that there is one reference to the Director on the back page.

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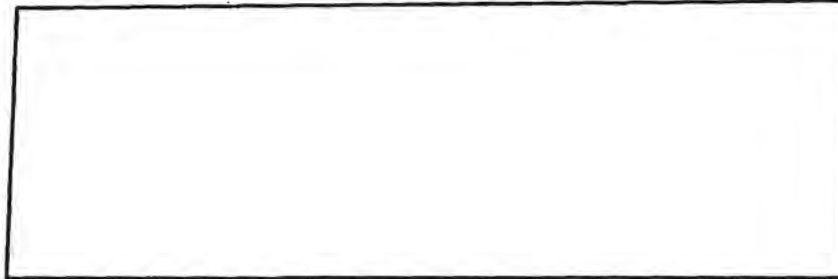
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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to the name check requested by [redacted] concerning the National Economic Council, Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York City. [redacted] also requested the identity and name checks on the officers of this organization.

The New York Office of the FBI advised on March 10, 1970, that this organization consisted of the following officers:



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The central files of the FBI and the files of our New York Office reveal no pertinent nor additional background information concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

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Honorable [redacted] P. Butterfield

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with [redacted] and [redacted] based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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Attached are separate memoranda concerning this organization and the other officers listed above.

Sincerely yours,

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March 11, 1970

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

The National Economic Council, Inc. (NEC), 230 Park Avenue, New York City, has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. However, our files reveal the following information concerning it.

The NEC, formerly known as the New York State Economic Council, was incorporated in the State of New York on September 15, 1931. An undated folder received by the FBI in 1939 and published by NEC set forth the objectives of this organization as follows:

- 1) Curb government spending
- 2) Reduce oppressive taxation
- 3) Oppose subversive groups
- 4) Oppose stifling restriction of private enterprise
- 5) Promote true recovery.

A publication issued by NEC in September, 1967, described it as a "non-profit, non-partisan membership corporation organized under New York State law."

A review of several publications put out by NEC reveals that the Council advocates conservative political views and is strongly anticommunist. Allegedly, it has been labeled "Fascist" in the past because of its favoring pro-Franco forces in Spain prior to World War II. Some of its literature in the past has been described as being "anti-Jewish."

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PEACE IN THE STREETS

The Hallmark of Civilization

Peace in the streets is one of the great achievements of civilization. Like most really important achievements, it is not spectacular.

Wherever a community acquires additional economic resources, it uses some of its rising income to keep peace in the streets of the city and the roads of the countryside.

The reason for this is that roadways cannot be used both by criminals engaged in robbery and murder, and law-abiding citizens who need the roadways for work, for trade, for pleasure, or for help, as in illness. The robbers and murderers will take over and make the roads useless for peaceful purposes, or they must be driven back by methods strong enough to end their rule.

One of the greatest forward steps in freedom of the streets was the establishment in England, by Sir Robert Peel, of a civil force called the police. The idea behind the police force was to divide the city by a grid system into districts and put into each district enough trained men to cope with the criminal element, and call on reserves from the rest of the system when necessary. The criminals could not win in the end, because if one policeman was injured or killed, another instantly took his place. The policeman exposed himself to danger, because the entire moral force of the community was behind him. This is the origin of the essential rule that anyone convicted of murdering a policeman on duty was sure to go straight to the execution chamber. One of the most powerful influences preventing criminals from attacking the police was the certainty that prosecutors, judges, and political officials all worked together to catch and speedily punish the criminal.

Our system operated under a piece of creative law-making typical of the historic English idea of law. The policeman could use force. That was his assignment. But he could use it only if he saw a crime committed, or if a citizen were in danger,

or if someone went before a magistrate and swore out a warrant with supporting evidence. In other words, this enormous power was set up in such a subtle way that no law-abiding citizen was ever bothered. To make sure peaceful citizens were left free, the police force was *always* to be under local control, not national. These safeguards totally separated the police system, as organized by the English (and later the Americans), from the Continental idea of a political police, which could be used against enemies of the regime, as well as against enemies of society.

Political Responsibility

The police do not shoot down citizens, or even criminals. They are trained to keep the peace by knowing their district, knowing the areas of possible trouble, and moving in early to prevent trouble.

The same rule is true of riots. Rioters are not all criminals, but they quickly act like criminals, because of that peculiar phenomenon known as the madness of crowds. The danger of mobs is as old as cities. Even Virgil, in the Aeneid, speaks with deep feeling of the terrifying danger when the mob erupts.

The rule here again is absolute. The best riot control is immediate saturation of the danger area so little groups cannot form into mobs.

Much of the trouble in Watts was due to delay in using the full force of the police. The police chief in Newark warned two weeks ahead that riots were coming. Much of the damage in Detroit was due to the fact that the Mayor and the police chief were too slow in moving in on the riot area, Gov. Romney was too slow in asking for troops, and President Johnson was much too slow in letting the Federal troops move after they arrived in the riot area.

This is the critical link. The police, like the armed forces, never make policy. They do not pass judgment on criminals. It is the elected political leaders who make the policies on when and where force is to be used. It is the law enforcement agencies which pass judgment on who is to be indicted, tried, and, if guilty, punished.

It is this three fold system which insures peace in the streets — police to guard the line where the criminals attack the law-abiding, political leaders who create, support and uphold the police, and prosecutors and judges who carry out the laws, and punish the guilty.

In the past, political leaders never questioned their obligation to maintain the civil peace forces; and law-enforcement agencies never questioned their responsibility to enforce the law.

Today we witness the breakdown of that system at all three levels. We cannot discuss here the subtle and extremely effective moves that have been made in the last few years to subvert the law and give criminals more protection than is given the law-abiding. But make no mistake about how important it is.

For the moment we are concerned with the sick political leadership which is condoning criminals and rioters by saying that murder, robbery, and arson are justifiable, if people are in poverty or feel inferior, or see scenes of affluence on television.

President Johnson has linked the riots to poverty, civil rights, ghettos, and the failure of Congress to enact quickie programs of the Great Society. So has Robert Kennedy. So have some Republican leaders. So have the *New York Times* and other newspapers across the country, and so have television commentators, over and over again.

This has been called government by clamor, but it should be remembered that all of this clamor is carefully organized, stage-managed, orchestrated. Someone has carefully prepared the clamor in advance and coordinated it with dubious political ends.

Our system of government makes ample provision for the right to protest and the right to dissent. That protection still works and works well. It does not include the right to robbery, arson, murder, throwing stones at cars, hamstringing the police, and preventing the firemen from putting out fires.

The simple fact is that the riots of the last few years really have nothing to do with Negroes, with poverty, with ghettos, with race. The causes lie elsewhere.

Who is responsible for the subtle, continuous, many-faceted efforts to weaken our law enforce-

ment procedure. Who is trying to federalize our police, like those of the Continent, by vulgar bribes like promising them shiny new computers? Has any people ever sold so precious a birthright as peace in the streets, without the danger of political compulsion, for so cheap a mess of pottage?

Who is trying to federalize our jury system, which was firmly grounded in local law and local administration, in Magna Charta, just 900 years ago.

Make no mistake. These attacks are no minor matter. This is not a scheme worked out by inexperienced people. This is the work of experts in destruction. Our street riots, like those of Red China, like the awful department store fire in Belgium, are part of a subtle and sophisticated strategy to destroy. And what they are trying to destroy here is the liberty and rule of law, which were the pride and glory of our country.

War is War

Snipers who stand on roof-tops, and shoot anyone they see, are at war, as much as sharpshooters in German towns or Viet Nam villages. Their opponents can give no quarter, because they are not engaged in a fair fight even under the deadly rules of war.

Molotov cocktails are a deadly weapon. Men or boys who throw stones at policemen or at automobiles are at war. The law-abiding citizen has a right to the use of the streets without fear.

Those who throw firebrands are at war. A single act of arson is a frightening thing. Not long ago thirteen people were killed in New York City by one act of arson. Wholesale arson is war. It may be mass murder and it certainly will be mass destruction. Those who obstruct the firemen in their work of protecting the city are accessories. If the law does not say so now, the law should be changed — at once.

When the firemen of a great city like Detroit have to let whole blocks in the center of the city burn down and leave families homeless, the result is not different from bombed-out cities in war time.

We repeat — these acts of war are not the work of Negroes, of the poor, of "ghetto" dwellers. They are the work of juvenile hoodlums, cleverly organized by communists. Every responsible American must face the bitter truth.

Negroes Not Responsible

The riots, which have shocked and angered the people of the United States, are not properly to be called Negro riots. Ninety percent or more of the Negroes took no part in them. They were, in fact, the principal sufferers. Most of the people

killed and injured were Negroes. Colored heads of families could not go to work, their wives could not buy food, their babies went without milk. Transportation broke down, stores where they bought food were wrecked, fire engines could not come to their aid.

It is a curious thing that almost no rioters crossed into white districts. Unfortunately, we find that ominous. The Stokely Carmichaels and Rap Browns have every intention of going into white areas and reducing them to rubble. They have said so.

What then is ominous? The evil men who are leading these riots are, we believe, working carefully to create the belief that these are Negro riots, colored against white. When passions are roused to fever pitch on both sides, their followers will suddenly be ordered to cross the lines and use every weapon of hate and destruction to wreck white neighborhoods and incite civil war.

The white people of Newark and Detroit and Los Angeles are entitled to the greatest credit for remaining so well-disciplined. This is our long schooling in the rule of law, and a genuine realization that the vast majority of Negroes had no part in the criminal destruction.

The riots were the work of hoodlums, mostly juvenile hoodlums, but little hoodlums did not plan these militarily perfect campaigns. A few able, but destructive, Negro leaders were out in front, would-be Castros and Mao Tse-tungs. But the whole vast planning apparatus of the communist war on the west was behind them.

"Start two or three more Viet Nams," said Che Guevara, Castro's pro-Chinese expert in guerilla war. "Detroit and Newark are two of Che Guevara's Viet Nams," said Stokely Carmichael at the Havana Conference on fomenting communism in the American hemisphere.

Poverty Not Responsible

It is fully demonstrated that poverty does not cause riots. The fact is that Newark and Detroit were outstanding for the money they had spent and the efforts they had put into anti-poverty programs to benefit city Negroes. The riots did not start in the poorest sections of these cities, and Watts was not a "ghetto" at all.

In a scorching article in *National Review* for August 22, Saul S. Friedman describes the whole array of "anti-poverty" programs which was put into effect in Cleveland, how completely each one failed, due to the incompetency of the planners, and how every step to meet demands by self-ap-

pointed Negro leaders, led to more swollen demands.

In a brilliant column in *The Wanderer* for Aug. 10, Edith Kermit Roosevelt spells out exactly how the "student" organization of the New Left chose Newark *three years ago* to build up a cadre of experts in planting revolutionary agitation. The leaders had travelled to Hanoi in company with Herbert Aptheker, a Communist Party official. They drew together activists from other "student" groups. Where did they tell potential recruits what they were doing? In the *National Guardian*, a pro-Soviet organ. Where did they get their funds? From our government, of course, from the anti-poverty program.

Sargent Shriver scorns the idea that communists are using the OEO. Communists do not advertise their presence. They notify young militants through their press, and their followers understand they are to go to the chosen centers for jobs. Meanwhile, hidden communists have been planted in key spots in personnel departments and other administrative spots. The applicants who have the right "grip" are quickly accepted, and move quickly upward.

This is what the communists did on the Emergency Relief Program of 1934 and the WPA. Many say we have no "proof." It was years before we had proof of the part played by communist agitators in the bonus riots of 1932.

The so-called anti-poverty programs of the last decade have been an effort — so far successful — to recognize the worst elements of Negro leadership, and to silence and intimidate the vast majority of Negroes who have worked hard over the years to help themselves.

All of the people who have helped to make our country have suffered hardships, including the Pilgrims, who starved in their first winter, the colonists in Jamestown, who were told by John Smith that those who did not work would not eat, the brave people who followed Daniel Boone into Kentucky's "dark and bloody ground" or crossed the Great Plains in covered wagons. The immigrants who came after 1848 put up with unbelievable hardships, building railroads, making the new heavy industries.

In steel towns they rented beds for three shifts a day. As one man went to the mills, another got into his bed. But their children did not live like that. There was no workmen's compensation, certainly no pensions for illegitimate children, but they lifted themselves and were proud of it. For 300 years all Americans abhorred self pity.

Guerilla War is War

If the riots are not caused by the Negroes, by poverty, or race relations, what causes them?

The papers have increasingly called these riots guerilla war, but they do not understand what guerilla war is.

Guerilla war is very old, but in the 20th Century it has a new meaning. It is a brilliant, sophisticated strategy for destroying the industrial, urbanized nations by continuous small-scale attacks, which will make the cities unable to function. These attacks are carefully planned to destroy peace in the cities, to increase the cost of working and living, to spread hate and fury among all different groups in the city, to encourage the economically better off to leave, and to make politics the football of hate and violence on one side and cowardice on the other.

Where does this plan come from? It comes from Mao Tse-tung, from Che Guevara, who taught Castro how to break down the Cuban economy.

Are the Soviet leaders standing idly by? Certainly not!

The Negro adolescent hoodlums in Detroit and Newark are soul brothers of the mobs of adolescents whom Mao let loose on the roads and streets of China to intimidate anyone in the Party who dared to disagree with Mao.

This strategy is part of the Grand Design by which Mao promises that the rural (colored) areas of the world will conquer the urban-industrial (white) areas, and the whole world will be one peaceful communist paradise.

Our country is in danger, in greater danger than it has ever been in our history. The warnings have been sounded from every responsible quarter, from the House, from the Senate, from J. Edgar Hoover, from police chiefs all over the country, from editors and columnists who can think straight.

Major General Arthur G. Trudeau, who was one of the ablest men in the armed services, an expert on intelligence, told the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee that the Soviet Union is far ahead of Red China in its specific plans for our subversion. The recent change in leadership of the USSR put into top positions the men who have been working for years on making the plans for our destruction. They will let the little Caesars start the conflagration and take over.

The Executive Branch and the Judicial Branch still follow the lead of the leftist elites and their choruses in the mass organizations and mass media. Congress is trying to represent the American people in this mortal danger.

Will the American people wake up?

Lyndon in 1959

Congressman James B. Utt in Washington Report of Aug. 1, states: "In Feb., 1959, Lyndon Johnson, then Senator, urged a group of members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative, meeting in the Capitol to fight for their rights in Congress, saying, 'I don't know how many beer bottles you

folks have, but the time has come when you must ask no quarter and give none. Fight them . . . in the corridors of the Capitol, in each House, generate public opinion, support your organization—and eventually, if necessary, use your beer bottles.' "

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'Red' U. S. Press Slur Challenged

Associated Press

Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) of a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee yesterday challenged a witness' assertion that the country's press, radio and television are Communist-infiltrated.

Kefauver said he found the assertion "repulsive."

The witness, Merwin K. Hart, New York, president of the National Economic Council, testified in support of a proposed constitutional amendment that would specify that states have exclusive control of their schools.

Hart said the proposal would serve notice that the people of the United States intend to remain free. He added:

"Naturally, every Commu-

nist and Socialist-infiltrated organization in the United States—and that includes most of the means of communication: press, radio and TV—will oppose this resolution."

At another point, Hart said the newspapers had sought to say that the Supreme Court decision banning school segregation was the law of the land when it merely was the law of the case. He mentioned the New York Times and The Washington Post.

Both papers said they had no comment to make on the testimony by Hart.

Kefauver asked if he were suggesting that the New York Times and The Washington

Post were Communist-infiltrated:

"Yes," said Hart, "I think they are Communist-infiltrated."

"I'm sorry to hear you make the statement," said Kefauver. "It is repulsive to me. These papers are trying to do a good job in the public interest. I want no more testimony of this nature."

Other witnesses yesterday included William M. Beard, Westfield, N. J., past commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Wright Morrow of Houston.

Beard, supporting the proposed amendment, said the Supreme Court "is attempting to compel the minority in the South to conform to the supposed will of the majority of the North."

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MERVIN K. HART, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC., SAID TODAY THE WORD "DEMOCRACY" IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNISM AND SHOULD BE DISCARDED.

HE TOLD THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING LOBBYING THAT THE U.S. IS A REPUBLIC AND THAT "IT IS TIME FOR US TO RETURN TO THAT CONCEPTION."

THE TERM "DEMOCRACY" GAINED ITS CURRENT STATUS AFTER IT WAS USED BY GEORGE I. DIMITROV AT A MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL IN MOSCOW IN 1935, HART SAID.

REPEATING WHAT HE SAID IN A SPEECH TO THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF NEW YORK IN 1940, HART TOLD THE COMMITTEE:

"I WONDER SOMETIMES IF ONE OF THE CAUSES OF OUR TROUBLE TODAY DOES NOT ARISE FROM THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN OVER-DRILLED INTO BELIEVING WE ARE A DEMOCRACY. THIS, TOO, MAY BE ONE OF THE LATEST 'INSIDIOUS WILES OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE...IT IS TIME TO BRUSH ASIDE THIS WORD WITH ITS 'CONNOTATIONS.'"

HART WAS CALLED BEFORE THE LOBBY COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS MADE BY HIS ORGANIZATION TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION IN WHICH IT IS INTERESTED. THE COUNCIL IS CLASSIFIED BY BOTH DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN AS RIGHT-WING.

IN ONE OF SEVERAL PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE BY HART, WHICH WERE PUT INTO THE COMMITTEE RECORD, HE SAID THERE IS AN "EXTREMELY ACTIVE GROUP" ATTEMPTING TO CONVERT THE UNITED STATES FROM A REPUBLIC TO A DEMOCRACY--"THAT IS, FROM A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT INTO A MOBOCRACY, GOVERNED ENTIRELY BY A DICTATOR."

ALSO PUT INTO THE COMMITTEE RECORD WERE NUMEROUS EXCHANGES OF LETTERS IN WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL WERE DISCUSSED.

THE LETTERS SHOWED THAT TWO OF THE ACTIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COUNCIL ARE LAMMOT DU PONT AND IRENEE DU PONT, BOTH OF WILMINGTON, DEL. THE RECORDS SHOWED THAT IRENEE DU PONT GAVE THE COUNCIL \$11,000 IN 1948 TO PAY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PAMPHLETS THAT WERE SENT TO COLLEGES, CHURCHES AND LIBRARIES.

HART SAID IN ONE LETTER TO FORMER U.S. SEN. JOSEPH R. GRUNDY, OF BRISTOL, PA., THAT THE COUNCIL'S LEGAL STAFF HAD FOUND A METHOD OF HELPING ITS CONTRIBUTORS SAVE ON THEIR INCOME TAX PAYMENTS.

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"MAY I SAY THAT WHILE UNDER A RULING OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OUR NON-NEW DEAL NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL IS NOT ABLE TO OFFER THE DEDUCTIBILITY PRIVILEGE TO ITS CONTRIBUTORS, YET WE ARE ABLE TO GET SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT FROM THE FACT THAT A CONTRIBUTION MADE TO US OF MONEY TO PURCHASE SUBSCRIPTIONS AT \$10 EACH TO OUR COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS TO GO TO EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS IS DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE INCOME TAX LAW," HART WROTE GRUNDY.

HART'S LETTER SAID THAT FROM TIME TO TIME GRUNDY HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL. THE FORMER PENNSYLVANIA SENATOR WAS INVITED TO MAKE A "FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL" CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE PRODUCED AT THE COMMITTEE HEARING TO SHOW WHAT GRUNDY'S RESPONSE WAS.

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THE HOUSE LOBBY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE DISCLOSED THAT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT ONE OF ITS SECRET MEETINGS HAD LEAKED OUT TO A LOBBY WHICH IT IS INVESTIGATING.

HARRY S. BARGER, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, DECLINED TO TELL THE COMMITTEE HOW HE GOT INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMITTEE'S JANUARY 17 MEETING.

IN A MEMO FROM BARGER TO MERVIN K. HART, NEC PRESIDENT, BARGER SAID "A FRIEND OF MINE" SAW A REPORT OF THE MEETING. BARGER DECLINED TO NAME THE FRIEND AND ASKED THE COMMITTEE FOR A RULING ON WHETHER HE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO ANSWER.

CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN SAID THE PROBLEM WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN CLOSED SESSION.

IN BARGER'S MEMO, INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE, HE WROTE HART THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD FOUND THAT \$90,000 HAD BEEN CONTRIBUTED TO NEC "FROM THE DUPONTS," AND THAT THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT NEC WAS "SOMEWHAT SUBVERSIVE IN CHARACTER."

BARGER WROTE THAT "THE CIO AND KINDRED SPIRITS" WERE RUNNING THE COMMITTEE AND "THAT THE SETUP SHOULD BE VERY CAREFULLY EXPOSED IF AND WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL ARE CALLED BEFORE THE BUCHANAN COMMITTEE X X X."

REVELATION OF THE MEMO BROUGHT SHARP COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY REP. CLYDE DOYLE, D., CAL., WHO DECLARED "I EMPHATICALLY RESENT" THE CHARGE THAT THE COMMITTEE IS UNDER DOMINATION OF ANY ONE.

BARGER SAID THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMITTEE'S SECRET MEETING "WAS GIVEN TO ME IN CONFIDENCE" AND COULD HAVE COME FROM ANY ONE OF "THREE OR FOUR FRIENDS."

"I DON'T THINK I SHOULD BE CALLED UPON TO NAME MY SOURCES ANY MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER MAN SHOULD BE," HE SAID.

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Supreme Court Is Socialistic, Hart Tells House Lobby Probe

Merwin K. Hart, president of the National Economic Council, yesterday said the present United States Supreme Court is "dedicated to socialism" and should be replaced with an entirely new bench.

The statement, made before the House Lobby Investigating Committee during a discussion of his organization's aims, touched off a hot procedural wrangle among committee members. Some contended that Hart's views are his own business.

Chairman Frank Buchanan (D., Pa.) said that while this is usually true, the committee has an obligation to find out the aims of lobbying groups as well as how they achieve them.

Buchanan had given Hart a list of legislative goals supported by the council and asked if he wished to comment on them. Hart noted that one was entitled "removal of the present Supreme Court and barring its justices from holding judicial office."

"It is our opinion that the present Supreme Court is dedicated to socialism," he said. "The only way to remedy this is to abolish the court by constitutional amendment and set up a new court."

After Representative Charles A. Halleck (R., Ind.) objected to Buchanan's procedure, Hart refrained from comment on the council's other aims.

It was brought out, however, that Hart warned subscribers to his economic council letter in January, 1948, to arm themselves with pistols and rifles to resist the Communist threat.

"We have one concrete suggestion to make to every citizen who is impressed by the potential danger," he wrote. "Let him possess himself of one or more guns, making sure they are in good working condition and that other members of his family know how to use them."

After the letter was read, Hart explained it had been written after a trip to Europe. He said it seemed to him that laws against the possession of firearms discriminate against law-abiding citizens because Communists and others ignore them.

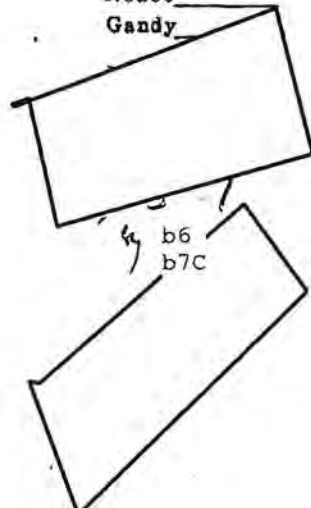
Meantime, writer Rex Stout denied a statement made by Hart at a previous committee meeting that



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MERWIN K. HART
... wants new Court

he once was a member of the board of editors of the "Communist magazine, The New Masses."

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Protests Cut Off Quiz on Beliefs At Lobby Probe

Capitol Hill yesterday witnessed the strange spectacle of an inquisition into the political and religious opinions of a registered lobbyist until committee members called a halt to this line of questioning.

Even Chairman Buchanan of Pennsylvania, of the House lobby investigating committee, joined Republican and Democratic members in instructing committee counsel Louis Little that "we are not probing ideas here."

Tactics Draw Comment

Little, a Pittsburgh lawyer whose tactics have caused much speculation, quizzed Merwin H. Hart, president of the National Economic Council for two hours. He introduced as an exhibit a list of "legislative positions" taken by the N.E.C., which "exposed" the organization as follows:

FOR

Private enterprise, private property, individual initiative, American independence, additional restrictions on labor unions, limiting of government taxing power, a ceiling on income tax levies, aid to Spain, withdrawal of federal claims to tidelands, and taxation of co-operatives.

AGAINST

Communism, world government, United Nations, bipartisan foreign policy, antitrust suits against A. & P. and Du Pont, federal aid to education, displaced persons legislation, further immigration, United States ratification of genocide convention, FEPC, rent control, Marshall plan, and similar Fair Deal legislation.

Hart also declared the present Supreme Court is socialist-minded and should be abolished by Constitutional amendment and a new court set up.

Danies Religious Fights

Hart agreed his organization sought to influence Congress in favor of or against the listed subjects. But he vigorously disputed an attempt by the attorney to show that the N.E.C. opposed "Episcopal and Catholic church policies" and Zionism.

"I'm an Episcopalian myself," he said, "and opposed only to certain leaders who are running after false gods. As to the Catholic church, very warm friends of mine high in the church arranged a private audience with the Pope several years ago. I have great admiration for its stand against communism. I'm not against Zionism but militant Zionism."

"What's all this got to do with lobbying?" asked Rep. Brown (R) of Ohio. "I thought this was an investigation into lobbying techniques. An American citizen certainly has the right to hold an opinion. The question here is what he has done as a lobbyist."

"This is a complete denature from previous procedures," agreed Rep. Hatcher (R) of Indiana. "This whole line of reasoning is not his beliefs and certainly not material."

The documents the organization has put out are certainly the best evidence.

When Democratic members joined in these protests, Buchanan, who hired Little, told Little that the investigation was into "fund-raising activities" of lobbyists, "not into opinions, ideas and beliefs."

The hearing was adjourned until today with Hart still in the witness chair.

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Rumely Defies House Probers

Washington, June 6 (AP)—Under threat of a possible contempt citation, Edward A. Rumley, executive secretary of the Committee for Constitutional Government today refused to turn over information demanded by Congressional lobby investigators.

He contended that the special House Lobby Investigating Committee had no right to data concerning book sales by his group, or loans for promoting such sales. The organization has been labelled pro-fascist.

Rumley, who said he had given the investigators all the other data asked, appeared before the committee under subpoena, along with Joseph P. Kamp, vice chairman of the Constitutional Educational League and Merwin K. Hart, president of the National Economic Council, both extreme right wing groups.

Kamp told the committee, headed by Rep. Buchanan (D-Pa.), that he had not had time to assemble the information requested. He also served notice that he would not furnish it unless he is convinced that the activities of his group come under the jurisdiction of the House investigators.

Hart said he had turned over all

the information asked, but he said he feared it might fall into the hands of "enemies of American liberty."

Buchanan had announced before the start of the hearing that he would ask citations for contempt of Congress against the three witnesses unless they produced the desired material.

The Committee for Constitutional Government has filed a suit in Federal District Court here for permission to ignore subpoenas of the Buchanan committee.

The three organizations were told to furnish the following information: Name and address of each person or organization that contributed a total of \$1,000 or more between Jan. 1, 1947, and May 1, 1950, for any purpose, including purchase of books, pamphlets and other literature, and also loans and direct contributions.

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The Kamp-Followers

SOME curious ramifications of what is usually³¹ called the "lunatic fringe" of American politics have come to light during a current Congressional probe. They concern sizable contributions by members of the du Pont family and other large industrial interests to organizations headed by Merwin K. Hart, Edward A. Rumely and Joseph P. Kamp, three of America's better known fascists and anti-Semites now under study by a House committee on lobbying.

Whether the three are lunatics or knaves is a moot point; certainly Hart—a Harvard graduate with offices in the Empire State Building—has been eminently successful in surrounding his special brand of hatemongering with an aura of respectability. What is certain is that the builders of the mighty du Pont industrial empire have never been noted for dementia, but rather for sanity of a particularly lucid sort. If they, and other powerful industrialists, have seen fit to contribute thousands of dollars to professional bigots, they did so with full knowledge of the implications of their acts. These implications are frightening, to say the least.

So far, the investigating committee under Rep. Frank Buchanan (D., Pa.) has given signs of meaning business in its inquiry. Kamp has just begun a four-month jail term under a 1944 contempt citation; Hart and Rumely are under subpoena to make full disclosure of their financial backing. THE NEW LEADER earnestly hopes that Congress will show as much vigor in dealing with these subversives of the right as it has with Communists and fellow-travelers in the past.

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Walter Winchell —In New York

Memos to the Editor

The High Court's refusal to save Joseph P. Kamp, the hate-racketeer, from the contempt charges (and the hoosegow) was joyous news to those of us well-acquainted with him . . . Kamp started his so-called career as a process-server and wound up peddling religious prejudices in the guise of patriotic propaganda . . . This plince-nerd, frock-coated punk managed (via Washington friends) to stay out of the elink since a Federal Grand Jury indicted him in 1944 . . . He was convicted 4 years later and given only 4 months.

One of his top contributors and pals (now hold yer hats!) is Charles M. White, president of Republic Steel . . . White gives Kamp "expense" money, while Cong. Clare Hoffman of Michigan gave him (even after the conviction) Congressional help . . . Gen. Robert E. Wood (the America First backer) is another of Kamp's followers. Wood actually got one lawmaker to introduce a resolution to erase Kamp's conviction . . . But the Supreme Court (which took 6 years to decide the case) finally jugged him . . . Kamp's official salary is \$50 per wk. But he lives in our fashionable East 50s like a king. How about looking into that?

Irene and Lammot du Pont, the millionaires, are among the money backers of Merwin K. Hart's outfit which distributes the same sort of hate literature Kamp manufactures . . . The duPonts gave Hart's group (and similar outfits) more than \$26,000 . . . They now claim them as charitable deductions on their income tax . . . The Tax Dep't, however, refuses to allow the claim . . . The duPonts argue they should be allowed these deductions to "protect the American Way of Life" . . . What American Way of Life? Last October the American Legion listed Hart's outfit as a hate-group, and in January they barred it and him from membership in the American Legion's All-America Conference Against Communism.

P. S.: Do the stockholders and policy holders of the Utica (N. Y.) Mutual Insurance Company know Merwin K. Hart is on the Board of Directors? What can he contribute? . . . Hart's offices were recently raided by Congressional detectives. The raid was ordered by Rep. Buchanan of Penn.

Quote by a U. S. Senator: "I think a tremendous amount of damage has been done by calling a lot of good serious liberals 'Communists'. The word 'Communist' is such a libelous phrase I believe it should be reserved only for those who should receive that type of defamation" . . . Who said that? Sen. McCarthy. On Apr. 3, 1945.

We recently columned about the revival of Nazism in Germany under the title: "The Poor, Poor Nazis" . . . The last paragraph of it requested readers to mail it to their Senators—demanding a probe . . . Many did so . . . Senator Warren Magnuson received some from his constituents . . . He passed them along to the Dep't of State, which denied our charges in a long letter . . . We quote one sentence from their denial: "We (the State Dep't) would NOT deny that certain individuals who were formerly members of the Nazi Party are to be found in positions of responsibility in Germany today" . . . Period!

Two weeks before Peron was granted a loan of 125 million U. S. dollars he attacked U. S. capitalism in a speech . . . In case of war, he said, Argentina would "again be neutral" . . . The truth is that he has never quit fighting for Hitler . . . Right now he is giving refuge to thousands of Nazi war criminals and party members . . . They include Gen. Galand, Goering's Fighter Command chief . . . Peron is also sheltering Kurt Tank, another Hitler side, and Wilhelm Westphal (on Hitler's top staff) is in charge of Argentina's atomic research!

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of the most popular of the many Argentine invaders at the racetracks in the U. S. is the affable "Lord" Grillo . . . He has bred some of the most successful horses from Argentina . . . The circumstances of his departure from the Pampas should endear him to Americans—for it would be difficult to imagine a more spectacular exit . . . In 1946 a horse he bred (Miss Grillo, later a big winner here) won the Argentine Derby . . . There was the usual fanfare afterwards, with newsreels, radio and press recording the presentation of cups by Peron . . . When El Presidente handed a handsome trophy to Grillo he took it for a moment, then returned it with a little speech that went something like this: "It is a beautiful cup, and I should like very much to accept it, but I believe in democracy and cannot take anything from a President not elected by the people" . . . Everybody present fairly blew their tops, beat their chests, wrung their hands and over-acted all over the place . . . Señor Grillo was able to scam out that same night. Says he's never regretted it.

Who-Won-the-War Dept.: Attilio Teruzzi led the March on Rome in 1922 . . . He was the Duce's right-hander . . . When the Day of Reckoning arrived he was lined up against a wall by Italian partisans . . . Along with Mussolini and Claretta Petacci, Benito's lady friend . . . But it was an innocent man they shot dead—not Teruzzi . . . The victim had the tough luck of being Teruzzi's look-alike . . . Later Teruzzi was found . . . He was sentenced to 30 years . . . This was cut to 10 . . . This year Teruzzi is expected to be freed under a general amnesty.

The British Gov't, via a local spokesman, complained of our recent report that Britain would again devalue the pound . . . The last one has lifted British exports, but they still have a problem . . . They must make things better and sell them cheaper or at least make them competitive . . . The fact is that the pound is available here (officially) at from \$2.40 to \$2.50 right now. And movie firms which have frozen pounds in England (other companies ditto) are making daily deals around \$2.00 to \$2.35 to unfreeze them.

"Hitler is a politician of whom it might be said that if he had not existed, it would have been necessary to invent him. Hitler is our friend. He is and has been a greatly perplexed, honestly inquiring and quite unsteady young man. He is a genial boss. Frankly, I think that the record tends to show the U. S. the most militaristic of Western peoples. At least there is no other which has fought so many wars from which it could have abstained. Curiously enough Hitler has come out of the ordeal with a reputation for moderation and kindness."

That was in a book published in 1935 . . . All of which qualified author Dr. George N. Shuster (Hunter College Prexy) for his recent appointment as U. S. High Commissioner for Bavaria!!!!

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M. K. Hart Sows Fascism, Reaps Big Business Cash

By Federated Press

A blazing searchlight is turned on the big business sponsorship of Merwin K. Hart, America's most prosperous native fascist, in the annual report of the Anti-Defamation League. Published in book form April 10 under the title A Measure of Freedom, the report gives a detailed picture of

the activities of such hatemongers as Gerald L. K. Smith, Upton Chase, Joseph Kamp and Allen Dulles. Hart, the Harvard-Bred Franco sympathizer and president of the National Economic Council, is described as "a clever bigot; he never reveals his anti-Semitism in a vulgar way. His attacks upon Jews are cloaked in opposition to opinions held by different groups of Jews. If the group does not exist, he creates it."

A "shrewd fund-raiser," Hart garnered at least \$140,000 for his propaganda outfit in 1949, a considerable increase over the previous years. The council's goal for 1950 is reportedly \$300,000.

"The bulk of the NEC's financial support comes from a small group of prominent industrial leaders who see Hart as an ardent champion of their narrow concept of the American way of life," the report said, adding that his contributors read like a section of Who's Who in American industry.

Among Hart's subsidizers are American Car & Foundry Co., American Rolling Mill, Armstrong Cork, Acheson, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, Sears Roebuck, Union Carbide & Carbon Co. and Remington Rand. His two most enthusiastic supporters are Lamont and Irene duPont, who also are big wheels in the National Association of Manufacturers. According to columnist Robert S. Allen, the two duPonts contributed more than \$90,000 to Hart over a period of years.

The report includes excerpts from a letter Irene duPont sent to Hart July 12, 1949. It said in part: "A few weeks ago, I received from you a good, fighting letter pointing out what the real, basic underlying trouble is in Washington — an alliance of 'pinks' with some undesirable Jewish people who seem to have seized control of the government." Lamont duPont's signature was used on fund-raising appeals sent out in De-

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cember, 1948 and November, 1949, which netted the council thousands of dollars.

The big business supporters of Hart came together at a secret meeting held at New York's University Club Oct. 4 and 5, 1949. Purpose of the meeting was to start another America First organization. Among those present were William Buckley of Panlepec Oil; George Montgomery of Coudert Bros., a Wall Street law firm; America Firster John T. Flynn; and ex-Sen. Albert Hawkes, former NAM president.

During 1949, the report revealed, Hart made numerous trips to Washington to confer with senators and congressmen on pending political issues. On June 15 and 16 he conferred with Congressmen Roy Woodruff (R-Mich) and Lawrence Smith (R-Wis) and then spent time in the office of Sen. James P. Kern (R-Mo). Hart helped the senator draft the so-called Kern amendment to the Economic Cooperation Administration bill,

which would have withheld ECA funds from any government persisting after a given date in nationalizing its industry.

Hart's most successful venture in 1949 was the establishment of a lecture bureau which sponsored the speaking tour of Cecil Palmer, an important British reactionary. The Britisher's lectures were a box office success and also dovetailed nicely with the NEC's campaign against the so-called welfare state. On Oct. 26, Hart staged a \$10-a-plate Waldorf-Astoria banquet in honor of Palmer. Among the guests were Lamont duPont, J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Co., Sen. Kem, Rep. Ralph W. O'winn (R-N.Y.), ex-Sen. Hawkes and representatives of Reader's Digest publisher DeWitt Wallace.

Palmer and Hart hit the jackpot when the British addressed the NAM convention in December, 1949, drawing a standing ovation with his 40-minute attack on British socialism.

"Despite his proximity to inter-



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Big Business Backs Him

nationally renowned personalities," the ADL report concluded, "Hart continues to disseminate his mean, narrow, bigoted and ultra-chauvinistic propaganda. How he keeps his dirty secret from them—if he does—is difficult to understand. But until they know of it, and abandon him for what he is, Melvin Hart will continue to be one of the nation's key bigots."

Red-Hater Don Levine Swings at Right, Hits Hart as Anti-Semite

Says National Economic Council
Brews Zionist-Communist Myth

By FREDERICK WOLTMAN,
Staff Writer.

Plain Talk, the monthly magazine which specializes in exposing the Communists, today delivered a blast in another direction.



M. K. Hart

The leading article of its February issue, signed by Isaac Don Levine, editor, attacked Merwin K. Hart, founder and president of the National Economic Council, Inc.,

Empire State Building. It charged that the head of the council, which lists prominent industrialists and business men among its backers, "is in the business of merchandising anti-Semitism."

Quotes Hart on Zionists.

"And," continued the article, "he wraps his contraband in packages bearing the labels of free enterprise, anti-Communism and Christian love."

His Economic Council Letter of Dec. 15, according to Plain Talk, "leaps to the startling conclusion that the controlling influence in the world is not the United States, nor the U.N., which the U.S. did so much to set up, but the Zionists."

This was part of a two-year design by Mr. Hart to create the myth of a "Zionist-Communist global plot" to destroy the Christian religion, wrote the editor. It ignores, he added, the fact that Communist Russia was the first modern power to outlaw Zionism as far back as 1920 and that thousands of Zionists have been sent to Soviet slave labor camps, many of them to perish.

Jewish-sounding names and to put in quotation marks non-Jewish-sounding names when it is common knowledge that their bearers are of Jewish origin."

Among the Council's "supporters or deluded followers," Mr. Levine pointed out, are captains of industry, prominent members of the bar, politicians, clergymen and educators.

Sees Common Enemy Served.

"The tragedy is that Mr. Hart brings to the noble cause of freedom the disease-carrying elements of hate and civil strife," declared Plain Talk.

"He unwittingly serves the common enemy and furthers the divisive and wrecking operations of Stalin's fifth column."

Isaac Don Levine for decades has written against Soviet totalitarianism and the Red underground in this country.

Cites Exhortation to Arm.

That every Jew is a Zionist and every Zionist is a Communist is an integral part of the Hart myth, according to Mr. Levine.

To show he is in dead earnest, Mr. Hart wrote in his Jan. 15, 1948, Council Letter:

"We have one concrete suggestion to make to every citizen who is impressed by the potential danger.

"Let him possess himself of one or more guns, making sure that they are in good condition, that he and other members of his fam-

ily know how to use them, and that he has a reasonable supply of ammunition."

Concerning Jewish Names.

The Letter went on to advise its readers to acquire the weapons in accordance with the statutes of their particular states.

Like the press of Nazi Germany and the Communist press of Russia, according to Mr. Levine, "Mr. Hart knows how to underscore

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Money Talks in Fascist Accents to GOP Meeting

By Joseph North

Merwin K. Hart, president of the National Economic Council, Inc., that outfit of industrialists who wear dark homburgs instead of Klansman's hoods, appeared before the Republican Committee of One Hundred the other day to give his view of things to come.

Hart is no man for a harangue on a Yorkville street corner: he works the other side of the tracks. Intimate of industrialists like du Pont, "statesmen" like former vice-president Charles G. Dawes, many millionaires are listed on the NEC's board of directors.

The other afternoon at the swank Hotel Beekman on Park Avenue he told about 100 dowa-gers that the Republicans must stump for:

An alliance with Franco Spain and Western Germany; elimination of the UN; the capture of Formosa. He foresaw the possibility, in reply to a lady's question, that Eisenhower might be the man for president. "But it's too early to talk candidates. Let's talk program," he said.

The program he outlined is as close as you can get to fascism without saying the dirty word. And the elderly G.O.P. ladies whose association doesn't confine itself to drawing-room soirees applauded, laughed, and expressed less than genteel delight at the "plain spoken gentleman."

It seems to me the custom in liberal circles of laughing Hart off is too easy, too dangerous. This man doesn't speak for himself. He referred, with swaggering confidence, to the "people in Washington" who increasingly "agree" with him.

The man gets around. He told of



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his recent trip to Germany where he hobnobbed with his good friend Dr. Heinrich Tramm, top-flight official of Ruhrchemia, at Oberhausen, and other ex-Nazi bigwigs. His discretion forbade any indication of whether he had seen another old intimate of his, Fritz Kuhn, for whom he ran a luncheon in 1938.

Other of Hart's observations were these: Britain would remain neutral in "the coming war with Russia"; France, "honeycombed with left-wingism" could offer little

but token resistance; Franco Spain and Western Germany are better allies than the Western Union powers. (Applause)

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Hart's voice dropped a register when he spoke reverently of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's farewell speech. And he drew his peak of applause when he said some Republican authorities are too prone to hearken to a "strongly vocal minority." Considering that Hart is a godfather of the Christian Front, there was no confusion over his meaning. And when he spoke of the crime of recognizing new China, he significantly added, "And Israel has already recognized her."

Hart's appearance before the women whose pedigree you can gauge by their names (a lead among them is Mrs. Stuyvesant Le Roy French) reflects the kinship the Park Avenue dowagers have with the burgherly storm-troopers of Yorkville, the Klan, the Christian Front.

Though they balanced teacups delicately, and daintily nibbled their caterers' sandwiches, they displayed voracious political appetites. No, I wouldn't say laugh them off. Kipling said Judy O'Grady and the Colonel's lady were sisters under the skin. From what I heard, these Republican matrons have much in common with a corporal's lady named Ilse Koch.

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Merwin K. Hart Rides Again

By JAMES ALLAN

Merwin K. Hart, president of the Reactionary National Economic Council, dreams of fashioning a world after his own desires. But the going is rough.

He held forth yesterday before an admiring group of well-dressed, well-preserved and elderly Republican women, who gasped, clucked or murmured as he tried to soar over the hurdles of "American Foreign Policy."

Aside from fervent agreement on all sides that the world is going to pot, Hart and members of the Republican Committee on One Hundred wound up in a frustrating, hand-wringing session. They met in the swank Hotel Beekman, 575 Madison Ave.

Playing a well-worn tune, Hart—a small, mousey, white-haired man with a soft, uninspiring voice—delivered himself of these comments, among others:

"The U.N. is one of the most useless and troublesome factors in the world."

"Franklin D. Roosevelt and his representatives sold out China."

"We should immediately resume diplomatic relations with Franco Spain."

In his brief speech, Hart described the World Federalists as "one more left-wing scheme" to involve the U. S. in global problems, praised Mme. Chiang Kai-shek and blasted the Administration's "hands-off" policy on Formosa.

Denying that Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) is the "great man he is reported to be by Life and other magazines," Hart characterized the so-called "bipartisan policy" as a "hoax and a hoax."

During the question period, one woman asked querulously:

"Where are we going from here? How are we going to stand up with any pride in our party?"

Hart cited a move by GOP leaders, including Sen. Wherry of Nebraska, to end the bipartisan policy. "We can look for a change," he said.

Another woman asked: "Will you ever be the man to solve national and international problems?"

Hart replied: "I don't know—maybe a little too early to select a date. But he may be."

A listener then asked: "Unless we join the Southern Democrats and form a new party, how are we going to get out those people entrenched in Washington?"

Hart saw the formation of a new party as a tough problem but thought "something can be done in the nature of a coalition."

When the session broke up, this reporter asked a little woman at the door how many were present:

"Oh," she said, "about 90. I would say—very bad. Republican hate to come out in rainy weather."

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Arm Yourselves with Guns, Advises Merwin K. Hart, Backer of Fascists

By VICTOR H. BERNSTEIN AND JAMES PANLATORE

In the current weekly newsletter of the National Economic Council, Inc., Merwin K. Hart, Council president, old-time Franco supporter and former co-worker of Christian Fronters, seriously urges his readers to arm themselves with "one or more guns" so that they may not be "defenseless if what happened in Spain and France happens here."

This is not the first time that Hart, confessed hater of American democracy who has been called "fascist-minded" by Harold Ickes, has played around with the notion that guns are nice things for him and his friends to have. But it is the first time that he has gone so far as to urge that every man—and woman—in the street who believes as he does should have a gun in his pocket or over his shoulder.

In his four-page newsletter, which begins with a plea for support of the Republican Party and ends with his call for arms, Hart never says exactly against whom he wants the weapons used. But in the course of his article, the author explicitly or implicitly names as enemies of the Hart way of life all Communists, all Zionists, all supporters of the "bi-partisan" foreign policy, all supporters of the United Nations, all Americans who voluntarily supported this country's role in World War II, all trade unionists who sympathize with the French workers, and all people who believe in American democracy.

So—and as this article develops, the evidence on each of the above points will be documented—Hart

is asking that a minority of Americans arm themselves to assure that, when the time comes, their way of life may prevail against the policies of the U. S. Government and against the wishes of the majority of Americans.

This sounds like "crackpot" stuff, and had it come from the pen of a Gerald Smith, or some small-fry convicted seditionist, or any one of the numerous hate-mongers who ply their dirty trade in the back streets of America, PM wouldn't be writing about it in large type at this time.

But Hart's National Economic Council, Inc., is not a fly-by-night organization and Hart isn't plying his trade in a back street. He keeps "respectable" company, and the men who are serving as directors of his Council are either wealthy and influential in their own right or represent some of the biggest and most powerful enterprises in the country.

Dr. L. M. Birkhead of the *Friends of Democracy* reports that he has copies of the prospectus of the Council, which lists its board of directors, at least two of whom refused to acknowledge any connection with the Council when PM contacted them by telephone last night. Among the directors listed are:

¶ Charles C. Dawes, former Vice President of the U. S. A., listed in 1945 as chairman of the board and director of the City National Bank and Trust Co. (Chicago), director of the National Broadcasting Co., director of the Radio Corp. of America.

¶ John J. Raskob, former chairman of the Demo-



Merwin K. Hart

cratic National Committee, vice president and director of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., director of General Motors Corp., director of Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. C.

¶ O. A. Taylor, vice president and director of S. H. Kress & Co.

¶ Philip Liebmann, vice president of Liebmann Breweries, Brooklyn.

¶ Thomas Creigh, former general counsel of Cudahy Packing Co., and vice president of the National Economic

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This Is Hart's Call for Arms

We have one concrete suggestion to make to every citizen who is impressed by the potential danger. *Let him possess himself of one or more guns, making sure that they are in good condition, that he and other members of his family know how to use them, and that he has a reasonable supply of ammunition.* To buy and possess such guns will, in most States, require a license. In New York State, for instance, such a license is obtainable, outside of Greater New York, from the County Judge; in New York City from the Police Department. In other States the statutes should be consulted as to how one may lawfully obtain and keep a gun.

These licenses apply, certainly in most places, only to guns that may be concealed—that is to pistols of the usual sort. No license is required to own a rifle or shotgun. Every citizen should make certain that he has lawfully in his possession either a pistol or a rifle, and if he has more than one it will do no harm.

It is not without significance that in recent years left-wingers have constantly pressed for passage of laws requiring a license to own a gun, or, in some instances, forbidding private citizens to have guns. The same influences have urged federal legislation requiring federal registration of all firearms privately owned—which of course would enable the Communists to know exactly who possessed weapons.

Much of the reason for the massacring of private citizens and for the looting and other violence that took place in Spain prior to and in the early days of the Civil War, took place because such statutes had been passed and private citizens deprived of the only means they had available to protect themselves.

Let Americans not make the same mistake.

In certain jurisdictions it will be found relatively easy to obtain gun licenses; in others more difficult. Where it seems too difficult suspicion would be warranted as to why. Interested citizens might well counsel together to see what could be done about it.

In this connection it is of interest that advertisements have appeared in newspapers disclosing that some people are interested in purchasing large quantities of second-hand guns. In one case we heard of we caused inquiry to be made, and the source of the demand for these guns could not be found. Possibly they were intended to be sent to Palestine, as was the TNT discovered by accident the other day in a Palestine-bound ship in New York harbor. Possibly it was an organized effort to draw away as many guns as possible from private hands.

But in any event we advise all our readers to proceed lawfully to equip themselves so they and their households may not be defenseless if what happened in Spain and France happens here. It will be better to have guns, and have them ready, and not have to use them, than to have the need for them arise and not have them.

The Lord helps those who help themselves.

Merwin L. Hart

President,

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc



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DELIVERING "CANCELLED" SPEECH—Merwin K. Hart, former head of the America First Party, speaking before the Brooklyn Women's Republican Club, despite the refusal of club president Isabel Rhees Kappeyne to introduce him.

Crews Explains 'Ban' On Hart, Hits Fascists

John R. Crews, Kings County Republican leader, stuck to his position today as opposed to all "Fascist, Communist or other subversive" speakers before Republican meetings in Brooklyn.

He made the comment following the swift turn of events which marked a speech of Merwin K. Hart, one-time head of the America First party; before the Brooklyn Women's Republican Club.

Mr. Hart was scheduled to speak before the group at the Brooklyn Women's Club, 114 Pierrepont St., yesterday at 3:15 p.m. However, the speech was cancelled at the last minute by club president Mrs. Isabel Rhees Kappeyne, who said there "seems to be some confusion as to the desirability of Mr. Hart as a speaker." It developed that Mr. Crews had informed Mrs. Kappeyne of his objections to the speaker.

He criticized the Palestine partition, asserting that "many of the Jewish faith are against it." He noted that, in the United Nations, "small nations like Liberia and Haiti voted for partition of the Holy Land."

"The United Nations, in which I have no confidence whatsoever," he said, "so far has yielded up nothing but trouble." He wondered why we did not send financial aid to Spain, which he called "the strongest country against communism in the world."

As he spoke, Mrs. Kappeyne, with about six other club members, sat resolutely in the lobby and reminded reporters:

"Notice that I'm not in this meeting. I'm against it and I'll have nothing to do with it," she said.

Merwin K. Hart
Former Head of the
Internal Security—C.

"I don't know much about him," Mr. Crews said, "but from what I've heard, he is of the extreme right and we are highly unsympathetic toward him."

"Both parties in Brooklyn have tried to live up to an ideal of tolerance. I was aroused at all the calls I received protesting Mr. Hart's scheduled speech, from persons who read the notice about it in the Brooklyn Eagle."

Stopped Reds in Past

"I have stopped Communist speakers in the past and I will continue to oppose Fascist, Communist and other subversive speakers in the future."

Mr. Hart, who is president of the National Economic Council, showed up at the meeting despite the cancellation with his public relations director, H. M. Griffiths.

They took seats at the back of the large hall—a few feet away from a tea table decorated with two Russian dolls holding flowers.

A few minutes later Mrs. Kappeyne arrived and told reporters "he's not going to speak."

Ladies Bewildered

After a Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Mrs. Kappeyne dropped her bombshell to a rather bewildered audience of 175 women—about three times the usual attendance.

"Ladies," she said firmly, "at this time it is customary, of course, to introduce our speaker. Mr. Merwin K. Hart had consented to be our speaker and, up to last night, I supposed everything had been arranged. However, I heard last night that Mr. Hart is not quite acceptable to the Republican party in Brooklyn. This I deeply regret."

Then, asserting that she was only a "soldier carrying out the orders of my commander-in-chief," Mrs. Kappeyne invited the ladies to have tea.

As the astounded women sat in silence, broken by a few expressions of disapproval, a Manhattanite, Mildred Kearney, took the floor and spoke as Mrs. Kappeyne left the room. Mrs. Kearney said she was chairman of the American League for Good Government in New York.

"I came here to hear Mr. Hart speak," said the red-haired Mrs. Kearney, "and I am taking it upon myself to introduce Mr. Hart informally." To the tune of loud applause, Mr. Hart took the rostrum.

Criticizes Democrats

He spoke in terms of "we, Republicans," criticizing the Democrats and the national Republicans and calling for a "strictly American foreign policy."

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5 Fascist Groups Behind Call to Shoot ECONOMIC COUNCIL LETTER Liberals

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Second, we should provide the death penalty for every card-holding Communist Party member who holds public office and does not resign from that office within ten days after the signing by the President of the act that makes these provisions; and we should provide life imprisonment for every office-holder proven to have been a cooperator with Communists, and who likewise does not resign.

The Roosevelt-Truman administration is the main prop of the Soviet government in the world today.

Mervin K. Hart

President

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

Some of Mervin K. Hart's shoot-'em and jail-'em declarations against liberals and Communists. They are taken from the Aug. 15 issue of the American Action Committee leader's Economic Council Letter.

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Big Business, GOP, Legion, Anti-Labor Leaders Support Hart in Fascist Threats

By Art Shields

An alliance of five Big Business fascist and pro-fascist organizations and high Republican Party leaders is behind Merwin K. Hart, the American Action, Inc., leader, who is urging the shooting and jailing of all progressives and liberal Democrats and war with the Soviet Union.

Several leaders of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are also allied with this inciter to fascist violence.

The Morgan, Rockefeller and du Pont groups are represented in the American Action, Inc., alliance, which seeks to defeat people's candidates in the election next Tuesday in preparation for a fascist regime.

American Action, Inc., is a merger of the forces of the following top-hat fascist groups, which have been operating in America for some years:

1. Hart's own National Economic Council, an open-shop and fascist propaganda center, with offices in the Empire State Building, whose directors control billions of dollars of capital.
2. Publisher Frank Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government, an ultra-reactionary Republican Party movement, with offices at 205 E. 42d St., directed by Edward A. Rumely, convicted German agent, and ex-Congressman Samuel Pettengill, who has often been labeled a fascist.
3. The old America First Committee, whose former leaders, from Gen. Wood down, are backing American Action.
4. The American Economic Foundation, of 295 Madison Ave., whose chief, Fred G. Clark, formerly ran the fascist Crusaders movement with funds from the du Ponts, Ernest T. Weir, the Pewes and other strike-breaking millionaires.
5. The new Tool Owners Union, another group of anti-labor employers.

HART HIMSELF has been a dominating factor in American Action from the first meeting in Chicago in July, 1945, which he largely promoted, and at which he presided.

He has been a leading member of the group's Strategy Committee since. His Chicago vice-president, Thomas Creigh, former general counsel for the Cudahy Packing Co., leads the Chicago office of American Action. And Hart's own offices in the Empire State Building

are the headquarters of Col. Edward Gray, New York district chief of the new fascist political set-up.

Hart also helped found the America First movement in 1940. He was kept in the background, however, by Gen. Wood and other top Firsters then because it was feared his extreme anti-Semitism and his record as a paid agent for Franco would rouse too much opposition.

HART'S PLAN to give life imprisonment to every government official allegedly co-operating with Communists and to furnish firing squads for every "Communist" in government employ is part of the new fascist offensive by certain important Wall Street circles.

This plan was exposed exclusively in the Daily Worker last Wednesday.

Hart made it plain in the text of his plan that his group was gunning for members of the Truman Administration itself when he asserted that the "Roosevelt-Truman government" was a "main prop of the Soviet government" because it was not using enough toughness against the Socialist Republic.

The fascist leader's war-and-terror proposals had already been distributed to his millionaire backers through the Aug. 15 issue of the Economic Council Letter, bearing Hart's signature, and published by the National Economic Council, of which he is president.

THE MORGAN banking interests are represented in the Council through Lieut. Gen. James G. Harbord, chairman of the board of the Radio Corp. of America.

The duPonts are represented by John J. Raskob.

The Rockefellers back Hart through Alexander W. Armour, a director of the Rockefeller Foundation, who is treasurer and director of Hart's Council.

And vast Wall Street investments are represented through other directors.

Firsters joining Gen. Wood in financing American Action include Col. Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune; Hart's Thomas Creigh, and William R. Regnery, chairman of the Central National Bank of Chicago. John Flynn, former head of New York Firsters' chapter, is an active American Actionist.

GANNETT HAS also been in American Action from the beginning through his Man Friday, Samuel Pettengill, a leading strategy board member.

The Gannett gang is also repre-

sented in American Action circles through Robert Harriss, Father Coughlin's former financial adviser, a New York cotton broker, who sits on the "constitutional" committee.

Anti-labor shipping interests are represented through Almon E. Roth, president of the National Federation of American Shipping, who lobbies against maritime labor legislation. American Action's chairman, Edward A. Hayes of Chicago, a past commander of the American

Legion, seeks to use veterans for reactionary political purposes. Other veteran ties include Col. Robert E. Condon, member of the Legion's executive committee, who is a member of American Action's executive as well.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is represented on American Action's executive through president Robert K. Christenberry of the Hotel Astor Corp., who is chairman of the VFW's legislative committee.

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Pro-Fascist Outfits Flood Congress with Poison

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON.—Now that the Senate is soon to take up the world security organization treaty, and the Full Employment Bill is gaining impetus, Congress is being flooded with pamphlets, brochures and "news letters" from reactionary and pro-fascist outfits.

Merwin K. Hart, pro-fascist former Franco propagandist, head of the National Economic Council, Inc., who was allowed to testify before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on Bretton Woods legislation, has informed Congress of a whole list of things he's against.

On Hart's board of directors are John J. Raskob, vice president of the duPont Corp.; Lt. Gen. James G. Harbord, chairman of the board of Radio Corporation of America; Gen. Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the board of the City National Bank of Chicago, and Alexander W. Armour, an executive of the Rockefeller Foundation, among others.

Hart incorporates some subtle Jew-baiting into his reasons for opposing Bretton Woods. Of Harry White of the Treasury, who helped write the agreements, he says his "six-line autobiography in Who's Who states nothing as to his antecedents."

SNIPES AT UNRRA

He points out that UNRRA has to come back to Congress for the remainder of its appropriation, and says flatly, without citing a fact to back it up:

"Its staff is largely of left wingers."

This is a new one: "It does not enjoy the confidence of our Army leaders. And it has often used its funds in a manner that aids elements avowedly Marxist."

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Hart never objects to making such irresponsible statements as if they were proven facts.

He also is against the International Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Security Organization.

"Russian influence would dominate all these international organizations—of that there is not the slightest doubt," he says. "For they would be staffed largely by left wingers."

His idea of left-wingers is quite elastic. For instance, he says "the very holding" of the San Francisco conference was "largely due to the influence of left wingers in the Administration—men like Russian-born Leo Pasvolosky of the State Department." Pasvolosky is widely known as anti-Soviet and was credited with leaking some of the anti-Soviet poison to correspondents.

Samuel B. Pettingill, who with Edward A. Rumley is one of the two mainstays of Frank Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government, one of the most pervasive of the country's pro-fascist outfits, gets out a letter, "Inside Your Congress" which he sends to Congressmen.

ANTI-SOVIET BLOC

In a recent issue he says Europe will be left with peace without victory and does not even bother to mention the international organization, but promotes instead the idea of a European federation. Russia would be left out, of course, but would be allowed "to peacefully develop her institutions within her boundaries."

America should abolish lend-lease and refinance belligerent, united and neutral nations, "re-financing to be determined by the results of a negotiated world peace," says the Virginia-Kentucky Crusaders, or the Minute Men and Women of 1944.

An elaborate book, *Postwar Fiscal Problems and Policies*, is issued by the Committee of Americans, 122 E 42d St., New York, whose personnel is not named, except for the president, Berkley A. Thomas.

The book is an "objective" study by Dr. John Lee Coulter, who is obligingly open to suggestion. Thomas, who says the analysis was undertaken "at the request of numerous Congressmen," makes the point that Coulter "digs deep into the roots of innumerable concurrent fiscal analyses."

But he tells the Congressmen to send in their views, after which, "and following conferences with congressional groups and other informed leaders," the report will be

"added to or changed as conditions and criticism indicate." This is providing statistics with a purpose.

Coulter, described as "an economist who has long served the practical needs of business and government," thinks that full employment should be set at 50,000,000 to 55,000,000, not 60,000,000. He thinks a "healthy" national income would be \$110 to \$120 billion, not \$140 to \$240 billion.

'IDEALS' NOT JOBS

Instead of "placing emphasis upon the absolute necessity for the largest possible number of persons in the gainfully employed category," he would stress "certain American ideals to which we should aspire to attain." The first of these is: "The institution of marriage, the establishment of a home, and the rearing of a family."

The inference is that a woman conscious of American ideals would be happy to quit her factory job and go right back to the kitchen. Full employment "might not greatly exceed 50,000,000 . . . without sacrificing homes, children, schools, provision for the unfortunate, old age retirement, etc."

There are masses of odd publications which have only one purpose, attacking the Soviet Union, which make their way to desks of Congressmen. As, for example, a nicely printed 40-page booklet, *The USSR in 1931* by one Clarence Lohman. The first line in his foreword really tells the story.

"In a recent issue of *The Reader's Digest* he says, 'I found William L. White's 'Report on the Russians' and it caused me to resurrect from the musty papers in my desk an article I wrote in 1931 on the USSR.'"

But lest there be no doubt, he incorporates a letter from White describing how he "spent a fascinating hour reading your article," which "checks with mine on every point, allowing for the difference in elapsed time." What is 13 years, with a war thrown in, when viewed with the "detachment" Mr. White praised in Mr. Lohman?

US Fascists Call FEPC "Red Plot"

The anti-Negro and anti-Semitic National Economic Council, Inc. plunged to new depths in its recently issued propaganda material opposing the enactment of Federal fair employment legislation. A document sent out from their headquarters to individuals and associations throughout the country brands the national FEPC bill as the work of "a fanatical and alien-minded element with aims and purposes of its own."

Defending present biased practices, the document states that discrimination is "merely the expression by the 117 million non-Negroes and non-Jews of their choice of employees, or of companions, or associates. Such choice is . . . a part of liberty itself."

The document refers to a passage allegedly taken from a 1935 pamphlet, "Negroes in a Soviet America" to charge that the FEPC is a communist-inspired, revolutionary law. Slyly, the National Economic Council statement compares the struggle for passage of an FEPC law with the historic revolts of Negro slaves to escape bondage in which (the document says) "scores of white men, women, and children were mercilessly slaughtered."

The National Economic Council is headed by Merwin K. Hart who has a long record of association with American fascist outfits. During the Spanish Civil war he was one of the ardent propagandists for Spanish fascism. He has fought against unemployment insurance, and during the depression advocated that those on relief be denied the right to vote.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1938

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Nazi guests at this luncheon, which Merwin K. Hart gave to Martin Dies, Dec. 8, included James Wheeler-Hill (German Bund leader, since sent to prison) listed above, and Kuhn and Kunze, other Bundists since imprisoned. Hart and his guests have always backed Dies.

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Raskob's Clique Queried on Fascist Tie-up

One Magnate Apologetic At Hart's Tehran Attack

By Art Shields

In wires and telephone calls last week The Worker put the issue of fascism squarely up to John J. Raskob, vice-president of duPont's; Lt. Gen. James G. Harbord, RCA chairman, and other monopolists, who chose Merwin K. Hart as their leader in their fight on the Roosevelt war administration and the Tehran agreement.

The Worker pointed out to Raskob, Harbord, General Charles G. Dawes, ex-vice-president, and the rest that they were following fascist leadership in their fight on the unity pacts.

Hart, a pal of German Bundists, whom Secretary of the Interior takes once called a "native fascist," has been attacking Tehran through the literature of the National Economic Council of which he is president. Raskob and the rest are his directors.

DISTURBED BY EXPOSE

What is more the Raskob-Hart outfit is setting up "committees of correspondence" in Congressional districts to carry on their fight. Concern over The Worker's expose was evident at the RCA building.

General Harbord's secretary called us back to check up on the date of the Council's attack on the President's agreements and promised to lay the matter before the head of the Radio Corporation.

One important member of Hart's board of directors expressed his concern directly to The Worker.

He is A. O. Taylor, vice-president of S. H. Kress & Co., who also sits on the advisory council of Publisher Frank E. Gannett's "Committee for Constitutional Government."

Mr. Taylor's other committee also has sinister connections.

RUMELY ON DOOR

On the glass door of the Committee for Constitutional Government at 205 East 42nd St., room 300, appears the name of EDWARD A. RUMELY, Public Relations Counsel, in large letters.

Rumely, regarded as the "brains" of the Gannett outfit, bought the New York Evening Mail during the last war with the help of \$750,000 from Kaiser Wilhelm.

He was sentenced to serve one year in prison.

Knowing this background we put the issue bluntly up to Mr. Taylor.

We referred to Hart's long associations with foreign fascist agents and Christian Fronters.

Why, we asked him, did he let a fascist attack American foreign policies in his name, and in war time?

TAYLOR ON TEHRAN

Mr. Taylor seemed very much embarrassed. He began by defending Hart, said he had known him for years, considered him "upright," would have to be convinced that he was a "fascist." Then he began to concede. Said he didn't like Hart's "leaning" towards Franco, and his opposition to the Spanish Loyalists. But what about the Council's attack on the President's foreign agreements? we asked.

Mr. Taylor was very apologetic at this point. Said he hadn't seen the attack. Said he agree with the President's foreign policies.

100 per cent, though not with his domestic policies.

And about Tehran . . . "I think it is perfectly sound, a great step forward," he told us.

All that is good if Mr. Taylor resigns from an organization, which is led by a fascist. Otherwise it's just talk.

Mr. Taylor said he wanted more

Mr. Lucius Boomer, president of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Corp. sent The Worker the following wire as we were going to press.

"Am unaware of listing as member of National Economic Council to which you refer in your telegram of Jan. 26 and know nothing whatever about subject matter you present.

LUCIUS BOOMER."

Mr. Boomer's name as a director is appended to the Council's latest pamphlet against the Roosevelt war administration.

information about Hart's background and activities.

FASCIST BACKGROUND

The Worker is glad to oblige him.

First we must tell him that Hart did not merely "lean" towards Franco. He was an official Franco propagandist, who toured Franco-land at the Caudillo's invitation, wrote a fascist book when he came back, organized the fascist "Union for Nationalist Spain," and worked with camarilla of Nazis and Christian Fronters thereafter.

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Jane Anderson, who carried Hart's credentials to Spain, became a Nazi radio propagandist from Berlin.

John Eoghan Kelly, anti-Semitic blatherskite, an executive of his "Union," was later convicted as an unregistered Franco agent.

Allen Zoll, another of Hart's co-workers, was indicted on a charge of extortion's.

Hart was writing for Coughlin's Social Justice during this period and speaking at Christian Front meetings.

The Council president, in fact, was so anti-Semitic that William R. Castle, leading American Fister, wrote him on Dec. 29, 1940, that "God knows I have no love for such people (he had been talking about the Jews); but I should much prefer to express it in private to you than in a public advertisement."

This letter appears in the files of the New Masses, Sept. 30, 1941, in an article signed by John L. Spivak.

Castle, incidentally, was ex-ambassador to Japan, which Hart defended shortly before Pearl Harbor.

DINED WITH BUNDISTS

Elsewhere in this issue we reproduce part of the official guest list at a dinner that Hart gave to Martin Dies on Dec. 3, 1938.

Note the names of the Bund leaders, Kuhn, Kunze and Wheeler-Hill—whom Hart invited.

This banquet with the Bundists merely climaxed years of Nazi associations that harked back to Hart's membership in the Berlin-made "International Committee to Combat Communism" in 1944.

Men like Hart can not make fascism alone. They are dangerous because they have powerful backing. Dangerous because men like Raskob, Taylor, General Dawes, Alexander W. Armour, an executive of the Rockefeller Foundation, and other men who control much of the financial credit as well as part of the radio and the press, are backing a fascist.

from For/World-market Spain

Raskob, Harbord, Hart in New Body

By Art Shields

This story is a storm warning to the people of America.

The Worker has just come into possession of evidence that a clique of big American bankers and industrialists are attacking the Tehran agreement and the Roosevelt war administration under the leadership of Merwin K. Hart, a notorious, professional pro-fascist.

These anti-Tehran elements among big business (who are working hand in hand with another important group, led by Frank E. Gannett and J. Howard Pew), include:

JOHN J. RASKOB, vice president of the duPont Corp.;

LT. GEN. JAMES G. HARBORD, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America;

GEN. CHARLES G. "HELL-AND-MARIA" DAWES, ex-vice-president of the United States and now chairman of the board of the City National Bank of Chicago and a director of RCA and the Radio Corporation of America;

ALEXANDER W. ARMOUR, an executive of the Rockefeller Foundation and others.

ADMIRER OF HITLER

The clique behind Hart is not only making propaganda.

It is attempting to set up "Committees of Correspondence" against Roosevelt and Tehran in every Congressional district for the 1944 elections.

Merwin K. Hart, the clique's leader, has long been a booster for Hitler, a pal of German-American Bundists and a propagandist for Franco.

Hart is president of the National Economic Council, with headquarters in the Empire State Building in New York City, and regional offices in Washington, D. C., Utica, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill., which is making the attack on the Allied agreements a central issue in its first 1944 literature.

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MERWIN K. HART, spokesman for the group fighting the Tehran agreement, once told the Nassau Club at Princeton University:

"If you find any organization containing the word 'democracy', it is probably directly or indirectly affiliated with the Communist Party. . . . It is time to brush aside the word 'democracy' with its connotations."

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directors.

ATTACKS FDR PACTS

Their names are appended to a new red-baiting pamphlet against the Roosevelt Administration, a pamphlet, which snipes at the war.

These men also sponsor Hart's "Economic Council Letter" for January, which devotes 400 words to an attack on all President Roosevelt's agreement with our Allies.

Hart's current "Letter" uses the occasion to attack majority rule.

It urges that "America make no commitments to other nations which are opposed by a substantial minority."

Hart thus admits that the agreements have the backing of the majority, and he suggests minority sabotage in these sinister words:

"For if such opposition exists," says Hart, "there will always be a question of whether the agreement or treaty can be satisfactorily carried into effect."

SPREAD HITLER POISON

Hart was falling into semi-obscurity before the Raskob-Harbord-Dawes clique picked him up.

The war against Hitler was discrediting the men who had joined Congressman Hamilton Fish, John E. Creigh, and other members of the "American Section of the International Committee to Combat the World Menace of Communism" in distributing Hitler propaganda, written in Germany, to American citizens.

That was in 1933. Hart was then president of the New York State (not National) Economic Council. Some upstate Republican manufacturers, including James Rand, were financing his racket. He was also getting money from Lamont du Pont, Raskob's boss, a little later for smearing the President of the United States with red labels, attacking social security measures and child labor laws and government "spending."

FRANCO PROPAGANDIST

Hart visited fascist Spain in 1937, wrote a pro-Franco book and organized the "American Union for Nationalist Spain," with an assortment of Jew-baiters and Christian Fronters on its executive committee.

Hart was speaking with fascists all during this period, and dining and wining with German American Bundists, as our story in Monday's Daily Worker will show.

But patriotic American gave the cold shoulder to the man who declared in late 1941 that:

"... an unfriendly attitude on the part of the United States drove Japan into the arms of the Axis."

Nevertheless this adventurer was the natural spokesman for the reactionary clique within the ranks of big business, which turns towards



LAMMONT DUPONT
A Contributor



JOHN J. RASKOB
A Director

So last year the clique set up Hart as the head of a national organization to fight President Roosevelt's war policies.

For vice president, they gave Hart a big America First contributor, one Thomas Creigh.

Creigh, former general counsel of the Cudahy Packing Co., was put in charge of the Council's Chicago offices.

And Hart's general counsel is Alexander E. Stevenson, who used to work with Matthew Woll on the National Civic Federation, another pro-fascist outfit, that Woll quit in 1935 at the orders of an AFL convention.

LIKE LIBERTY LEAGUE

The anti-War Administration group states its aims in a new pamphlet bearing the demagogic title "For American Independence and Freedom."

In language reminiscent of the dead "Liberty League" of 1936 it complains about taxes on business, the growing labor movement, about what it calls "Marxian influence in the New Deal" and above all about the Government's war powers and its foreign policies.

"We demand," says this Council with a pro-fascist leader, "that our foreign policies, whether political or economic, shall not be permitted to destroy or impair our form of government or our standard of living. (our emphasis)"

Labor and the rest of the people had better speed their own political organization.

Their enemies are building for November.

Hart's Council announces in its new pamphlet that it seeks to set up political committees in Congressional districts.

It hypocritically calls these organizations "Committees of Correspondence."

Samuel Adams never knew that pro-fascists would use a committee name hallowed in America's rev-



LT.-GEN. JAMES G. HARBORD
A Director

olutionary struggle for democracy and independence.

Raskob needn't go out of doors to Both are housed in the Empire State Building, where our friends are stationed as well.

The regional headquarters are aptly housed in the Investment Building, Washington, D. C.; the First Bank Building, New York, and the Continental Illinois Bank Building, Chicago.

OTHER CLIQUE MEMBERS

Other important capitalists in this anti-Roosevelt, anti-Tehran group include:

CHARLES J. BRAND, executive secretary and treasurer of the National Fertilizer Assn.,

THOMAS M. PETERS, vice-president and director of the Phosphate Mining Assn., and officer of other big companies;

MILTON W. HARRISON, big public utilities man and banker;

LUCIUS M. BOOMER, president and director of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria;

ROBERT B. DRESBACH, Rhode Island textile capitalist and director of the Associated Industries of Rhode Island, and others;

O. A. TAYLOR, vice president, S. H. Cross & Co.

The Fascist Menace

WARNINGS against the Rightist reaction in America come from many responsible quarters. The exposure elsewhere in this issue of the activities of a group of fascist-minded monopolists gathered in Merwin K. Hart's "National Economic Council" shows how seriously these warnings have to be taken.

Hart is a professional pro-fascist of long standing. Associated with him are reactionary business men like John J. Raskob and General Charles G. Dawes, whose names recall the combination which formed the "Liberty League" to fight Roosevelt in the 1936 elections. DuPont and Rockefeller representatives figure prominently in the present list. Linked with them is another group led by Frank E. Gannett and J. Howard Pew, stalwarts of the defeatist leadership in the Republican Party. Connection with the former America First organization is established through the vice-president of Hart's committee. Personnel also stems from the ultra-reactionary and anti-Soviet National Civic Federation, with which Matthew Woll used to be associated.

The refurbished and well-oiled National Economic Council has started its agitational campaign against Roosevelt and the Tehran policy. The tone of its literature is very similar to the line of the editorials in the Hearst and defeatist press, with special emphasis against "foreign commitments" and "entangling alliances." The outfit is already establishing a machinery in the congressional districts for the 1944 elections.

Big Business representatives who support the Tehran policy and are in a position to know what is going on in the financial community have recently warned the nation against a conspiracy of this type. Charles E. Wilson, vice-chairman of the War Production Board, was the first to expose the aims of the Rightist reaction in a speech to the National Association of Manufacturers, where the pro-fascists are well represented. In his message to the nation, President Roosevelt hit out at the fascist danger represented by the efforts of the anti-Tehran sector of Big Business to return to the "normalcy" of the 'twenties. Vice-President Wallace followed up immediately with a similar warning last week-end. And Donald Nelson,

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himself representing big business interests in a speech last week, used the hardest language yet to describe the "would-be Hitlers" and the "foolish men who give them aid."

Preparing the ground for the sinister activities of such combinations are the fascist rabble-rousers, the disseminators of anti-Semitism and racial prejudice, the organizers of the vandalism against Jews and Negroes which has grown to such alarming proportions. And linked into the whole fascist network is the "Peace Now Movement," led by Norman Thomas Socialists and questionable pacifists with America First connections, who specialize in sending out public feelers for a negotiated peace with Hitler.

There is no mistaking the symptoms. We see here a nation-wide and well-organized movement, the aim of which is to prevent victory against Hitler Germany long enough to create the conditions for a negotiated peace. The threat is that of fascism in America.

That such a movement will not stop short of violent means in an attempt to seize power was shown by Republican Clare Hoffman's open call for a "march on Washington" to overthrow the government. The defeatist leaders controlling the Republican National

Committee have not yet seen fit to repudiate Hoffman's call for a coup.

That is the danger Earl Browder emphasized in his report to the Communist National Committee when he urged a serious consideration of the alternative to Roosevelt's policies and the Tehran Declaration. The policy presented by him with such boldness and clarity for national unity extending into the post-war is a clarion call to the whole democratic and pro-Tehran camp to unite for the defeat of the fascist menace in our country.

Nothing short of maximum national unity, including the effective majority of the American people, can assure victory in the war and the realization of the enduring peace held forth at Tehran. At the present moment there could be no more imperative necessity than for labor to understand this and act accordingly. Victory and the Tehran perspectives are inseparable from the struggle against the fascist menace within the country and for the victory of the Roosevelt policies in 1944.

Hart Fights Housing for War Workers and Negroes

U. S. Officials Say
He's Issued Thou-
sands of Pamphlets

By ELIZABETH DONAHUE
PM's Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Merwin K. Hart, pro-Franco propagandist and veteran critic of the Administration, is now circulating a booklet calling upon taxpayers to revolt against a Federal housing program for war workers—especially Negroes.

Officials of the National Housing Agency—chief target of Hart's attack—say that "thousands" have received the pamphlet entitled *The Bureaucrats Come to Town*.



Merwin K. Hart

The booklet is intended to counsel homeowners that the Federal Government will condemn their property as a preliminary to providing quarters for Negro war workers.

Hart's essay describes how a "residential" Illinois town is invaded by a national housing of-

ficial who warns the people to convert their homes into "tenements," 10 per cent of which are to be occupied by Negroes.

The booklet depicts a mass meeting at which a heroic taxpayer comes to the aid of the beleaguered townspeople. Hart puts these words into the hero's mouth: "The proposition is just one more attempt of the Federal Bureaucracy to control state and local Governments."

Then the hero asks: "Does the list (of tenants) include white and colored?"

Taxpayers 'Rebel'

The NHA official is described as growling this reply: "Certainly. We have the power, if we choose to exercise it."

At this point, Hart reports, the "taxpayers" rebel. The "bureaucrat" flees.

Presumably everyone (except Negro war workers) lives happily ever after.

Apart from the propaganda contained in the pamphlet, the document distorts these recorded facts about the NHA's home-conversion program:

¶ The NHA plan provides that a home owner cannot lease his home to the Government unless "it

is within a specific critical area"—not a residential section as described by Hart.

¶ The home must also be "accessible to war plants."

¶ The arrangement cannot violate zoning ordinances; the home owners can choose tenants from a long list of war-workers; and the house must be returned to the owner at the end of the war.

Before Pearl Harbor Hart was Franco's chief U. S. promoter. In the foreword to his latest pamphlet he says:

"This story is a true account of what happened in a town not more than a thousand miles from the city of Chicago. It might happen anywhere—only in many instances, we fear no citizen spoke up."

Commenting on Hart's narrative, housing officials here assert that any resemblance to real characters—either living or dead—is purely accidental. They have no record of the incident.



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Appeals Court Gets Hart Case

Propagandist Seeks to
Strike Out Defense in His
\$1,000,000 Libel Suit

Special Correspondence

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 14.—Merwyn K. Hart, who heads his own pressure group known as the National Economic Council, Inc., sought yesterday to get the Supreme Court Appellate Division to eliminate most of the defense set up by Friends of Democracy, Inc., L. M. Birkhead and Rex Stout in answer to Hart's libel suit against them.

Hart, who asks \$1,000,000 because the Friends of Democracy listed him in a pamphlet among "more than 200 American Quislings still active," asked through counsel that the Appellate Division reverse a lower court which accepted the defense statements.

Points in Dispute

Among the allegations that Hart seeks to have stricken out are these:

¶ That Hart has been actively engaged in disseminating pro-Franco propaganda in the U. S. A. since 1936, wrote a book praising Franco's government and organized the American Union for Nationalist Spain.

¶ That Harold L. Ickes called Hart a Quisling, that Supreme Court Justice Jackson called him pro-Fascist, and that newspapers published these statements.

¶ That Rep. Frank Hook, of Michigan, charged in Congress that Hart was a leader in the field of un-American activities, a collaborator with subversive organizations, calling Hart "a kind of Park Ave. reporter for the Christian Front with its tragically misguided young men trying to assemble caches of arms and ammunition."

Cries 'Communist'

Hart's attorney, Edgar H. A. Chapman, spoke of his client's "international reputation for honesty, uprightness, integrity, fidelity, competence, ability and loyalty, devotion and love for his native land," adding that "if the defendants are not Communists, they are a deep shade of pink."

For the defense, Arthur E. Farmer declared they had made only one accusation against Hart, namely that "he is a pro-Nazi, pro-Fascist propagandist," adding that the Friends of Democracy were opposed to both Communism and Fascism as "opposed to the democratic principles upon which the U. S. is founded."

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